Opening of a hospital at Mailadi.

375. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a requisition for a hospital at Mailadi, Agastisvaram taluk, for the use of the Mailadi, Marungur, Eraviputur, Azhakappapuram, Pottakulam, Osaravillai, Eathankad, Vazhukkanparai and other villages ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On enquiry, it was found that there was no necessity for a dispensary at Mailadi, as the nearest hospital at Nagercoil is only seven miles distant from the place.

Construction of a road from Asarikulam to the Vembannur-Alur road.

376. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to construct a cart road between the Asarikulam market (Wednesday market) and Mr. Aditcha Pillai's house which stands on the Vembannur-Alur road ;

(*b*) whether the alignment is over ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that communication between Vembannur and Asarikulam is now difficult ; and

(*d*) the length of the proposed road ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : With reference to the, answer to part (*c*), may I know whether Government have taken any step to facilitate communication between Vembanoor and Asarikulam ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) May I know whether they intend taking any step ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer. This is what he says :--

> "The first furlong is a drainage course and then for about 2½ furlongs it passes through boundary bunds of rich paddy fields until it crosses the Panni Vaikal. Then it passes by the side of a drainage canal for abou tseven furlongs. Much land will have to be acquired for the construction of the road as the people of the locality are reported to be not willing to surrender the land free of compensation".

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Am I to understand that the Government intend to take some steps ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Not in the near future.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether they intend to take some steps at least when financial conditions improve ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Ye .

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